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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Room 2A270, Pentagon
1000, 19 April 1959

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ITEM I - Announcements by Chairman

1. The Chairman expressed his views that the work load of GMAIC had increased to the point where it was becoming impracticable for the Committee to continue to handle the input and output in the manner in which it has in the past. He proposed that relief be obtained by building a subcommittee and working group structure which could handle much of the preliminary drafting and coordination of papers.

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2. The Chairman announced that, with the concurrence of the Committee, he would send a letter to the Air Force member requesting that the Air Force monitor the implementation of

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proposed action. (Letter sent 23 March)

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ITEM 4 - Subcommittees and Working Groups of GMAIC

6. The following actions were taken with respect to proposals for subcommittees and working groups:

a. The Committee agreed on the following general definitions:

(1) Subcommittee - a group to handle broad subjects on a continuing basis.

(2) Working Group - a temporary ad hoc group to handle a specific problem or subject regardless of the time involved.

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b. It was agreed that after the GMAIC had acted on the last report from the Chairman, Information Exchange Subcommittee (8 August 1958), this Subcommittee would be dissolved.

c. Terms of Reference for the Guidance to Collectors Subcommittee was considered, modified, and approved. During the discussion of these terms of reference, it was agreed that the Secretariat would draft a proposed letter to Chairman, USIB, requesting USIB approval of the subcommittees which the GMAIC wished to be established. Terms of reference for the subcommittees are not to be sent forward unless there were points of controversy among the members.

d. The Secretariat was requested to draft a terms of reference for an Ad Hoc Working Group on Non-Bloc Guided Missiles Capabilities (similar to Fourth Country Working Group). The terms of reference are to be influenced by the schedule of estimates to be produced through the Office of National Estimates (see Secretary's notes).

e. The CIA alternate member [] was requested to draft a terms of reference for a Subcommittee on Soviet Guided Missile Production. This assignment followed discussion on the responsibilities of GMAIC with regard to missile production assigned by the recent modification to DCID 3/4. The Army, Navy, and JCS members advised that they would reserve their positions on the establishment of such a Subcommittee. 25X1A

f. The need and authority for established Qualitative and Quantitative Requirements Subcommittees were discussed in the light of the newly assigned responsibilities of GMAIC under DCID 3/4. No decision was reached regarding such Subcommittees. The Chairman stated that such Subcommittees were necessary in order to assure the higher degree of competence required for the basis of NIE 11-5-59 and that committees were desirable rather than ad hoc working groups. It being the consensus that the responsibilities of GMAIC had to be resolved, he would, therefore, obtain the clarification of GMAIC and Service responsibilities in this area as soon as feasible.

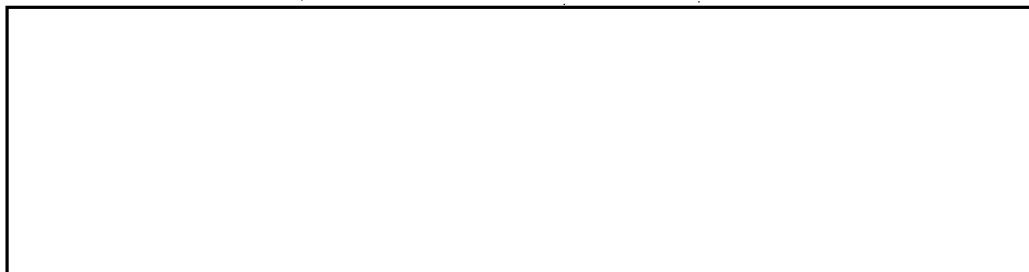
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g. A Technical Subcommittee was proposed by the CIA member as a necessary group for preparing coordinated drafts of technical estimates for GMAIC. It was agreed that the Secretariat would prepare and distribute a proposed terms of reference for this subcommittee.



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ITEM 5 - Coordinated Assumptions for the NESC

7. A task assigned to GMAIC for producing certain coordinated assumptions was discussed. [redacted] agreed to reproduce and distribute a back-up study prepared by ORR/CIA in October 1958 to support similar assumptions provided to the NESC in 1958. The Air Force member agreed to provide a briefing [redacted] which would provide background for arriving at "requirements" for Soviet offensive actions. It was agreed that the Secretariate would prepare the draft of the GMAIC contribution from comments by members on the 1958 version of the NESC coordinated assumptions; these comments to be available to the Secretariat by 27 March. The Secretariat was also required to obtain as much information as possible on the data which had been supplied to the NESC for the 1958 problem.

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ITEM 6 - NIS 26 (USSR) Section 64

8. Consideration of the GMAIC contribution to NIS 26 (USSR) Section 64 was postponed until the next meeting.

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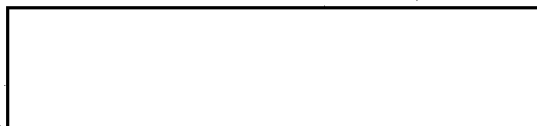
ITEM 8 - JAEIC Request for Information

10. A proposed reply to the Chairman, JAEIC, request for estimates on the Soviet missile Warhead configuration was distributed and will be discussed at a later meeting.

ITEM 9 - GMAIC Agenda for 20 March 1959

11. The Agenda for a meeting of 20 March was discussed and approved.

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Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 1645 EST.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

ONE does not now plan to update NIE 100-2-58 this year. State Department advises that they have no plans at present to request such an estimate. However, in approving NIE 100-2-58 the USIB stated that

".... GMAIC should have some sort of working group in a position to assemble the necessary material on short notice, for contribution to future NIE's (expected to be done at least annually) and for interim assessments if required. Such a group should also give continuing attention to the adequacy of requirements and priorities in this field, so that any needed changes may be recommended to the USIB for action."

It, thus, appears that the least effort which could be applied to the USIB assignment is the formation of an informal working group composed of analysts who, in their daily course of business, are aware that they may be called upon on short notice to produce estimates on missile capabilities of countries other than the Sov-Bloc. Such an assignment would at least influence the amount of attention which they devote to Nth countries and their work habits in so far as the retention and filing of material is concerned.

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